

**Amendment to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 5 to 9 with the following new paragraph:

This application is a continuation application of U.S. Appl. Ser. No. 09/459,171, filed December 10, 1999, ~~allowed~~, (now U.S. Patent No. 6,747,059), which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Appl. Ser. No. 08/831,245 filed April 2, 1997, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,297,273, which is a continuation-in-part application of abandoned U.S. Appl. Ser. No. 08/631,661 filed April 2, 1996. The applications Ser. Nos. 09/459,171 and 08/631,661 are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph on page 8, lines 12 to 17 with the following new paragraph:

Derivatives of the synthetic cocoa polyphenols include the gallated monomers and oligomers (a method for the preparation of the dimer di-gallate is disclosed in U.S. Serial No. 09/289,565 filed April 9, 1999 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,156,912), the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference), the glycosylated monomers and oligomers, and mixtures thereof. Also included are metabolites of the monomers and oligomers, including the sulphated, glucuronidated, and methylated forms. Further included are the enzyme cleavage products generated by colonic microflora metabolism or internal mammalian metabolism.